UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

COLUMBIA PICTURES INDUSTRIES, INC.
SONY PICTURES RELEASING CORPORATION,
SONY PICTURES HOME ENTERTAINMENT INC.,
and MARVEL CHARACTERS, INC.

07 Civ. 3597

Plaintiffs,

-against-

VERIFIED ANSWER
TO SECOND
AMENDED COMPLAINT

DAVID COHEN, sued herein as JOHN DOE No.1, YAACOV COHEN, sued herein as JOHN DOE No.2, PETER HU, sued herein as JOHN DOE No.3, RUIHU ZHENG, sued herein as JOHN DOE No.4, ANWAR ALAM, sued herein as JOHN DOE No. 5, MICHAEL MARVISI, sued herein as JOHN DOE No.6, ROBERT BECHT, as Trustee under the Last Will and Testament of Vincent Terranova, sued herein as JOHN DOE No.7, EDWARD T. BORG, as Trustee under the Last Will and Testament of Vincent Terranova, sued herein as JOHN DOE No. 8, GEORGE TERRANOVA, as Trustee under the Last Will and Testament of Vincent Terranova, sued herein as JOHN DOE No.9, CARL TERRANOVA, as Trustee under the Last Will and Testament of Vincent Terranova, sued herein as JOHN DOE No. 10, THE ESTATE OF VINCENT TERRANOVA, sued herein as JOHN DOE No.11, JOHN and JANE DOE Nos. 12 through 100, 365 CANAL CORP., sued herein as XYZ Co. No.1, WANG DA INC. d/b/a WANG DA GIFT SHOP, sued herein as XYZ Co. No. 2, SYED TRADING CORP., Sued herein as XYZ Co. No. 3, JUN YI SERVICES COMPANY, sued herein as XYZ Co. No. 4, AMSTERDAM BOUTIQUE INC., sued herein as XYZ Co. No. 5, CANAL STREET DESIGNS, INC., Sued herein as XYZ Co. No. 6, JAVIN CANAL REALTY, INC., sued herein as XYZ Co. No. 7, and XYZ Company Nos. 8 through 100,

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Defendant, JAVIN CANAL REALTY, INC. by Smith & Shapiro, its attorneys, as and for its answer to plaintiff's Second Amended

Complaint (hereinafter referred to as the "Complaint"), respectfully states, as follows:

- 1. Denies sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief with respect to paragraphs 1 through 5, 7 through 26, 29 through 35, 37, 40 through 50, and 52 through 107, inclusive, of the Complaint.
- 2. Denies each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 28, and 108 through 121, inclusive, of the Complaint.
- 3. Denies, except to the extent previously admitted, the allegations contained in paragraphs 6, 36 and 51 of the Complaint.
- 4. Leave to the Court to determine the applicability of the laws and statutes referred to in paragraphs 38 and 39 of the Complaint.

## AS AND FOR A FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

5. Plaintiff failed to provide the answering defendant with predicate written notice of its alleged tenant's unlawful activities.

6. That as a result of the plaintiff's failure to provide such predicate notice, the vicarious liability claimed in the Complaint did not attach to the answering defendant landlord.

## AS AND FOR A SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

7. That the tenant who allegedly engaged in the unlawful activities referred to in the Complaint has vacated the building owned by the answering defendant.

## AS AND FOR A THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

- 8. That New York State law requires that notice be given to an owner of a building where an illegal activity his being conducted by a tenant in its building.
- 9. That no notice was given to the answering defendant of any wrongdoing, or any illegal activity being conducted by any tenant in the answering defendant's building.
- 10. That the State of New York does not have a "strict liability" or "strict vicarious liability" theory(ies) under which an owner automatically becomes liable for wrongful acts, or illegal conduct by its tenants.

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully requested that the Complaint be dismissed against the answering defendant, together with costs and disbursements of this action.

Dated: New York, New York

October 17, 2007 Yours etc.,

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## CORPORATE VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK )

COUNTY OF NEW YORK )

JASON L. CHIN, being duly sworn, deposes and says that deponent is the Vice President of Defendant, JAVIN CANAL REALTY, INC., in the within proceeding; that deponent has read the foregoing Answer, and knows the contents thereof; that the same are true to deponent's own knowledge, except as to those matters therein stated to be alleged on information and belief, and that as to those matters deponent believes them to be true.

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Sworn to before me this October 177, 2007

Notary Public

HAROLD FRECHTER
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 30-5006507
No. 30-5006507

Qualified in Nassau County
Commission Expires January 4, 18

#### AFFIRMATION OF SERVICE

HARRY SHAPIRO, an attorney at law duly admitted to practice before the Courts of the State of New York, affirms under the penalty of perjury and states:

On October 17, 2007, I served a copy of the attached Notice of Entry by depositing a true and correct copy of same enclosed in a postpaid, properly addressed wrapper, in a depository under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Postal Service within the State of New York to:

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Dated: New York, New York October 17, 2007 Docket No. 07 CIV 3597

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